

SENATE BILL 2523

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to redefining "lobby".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-301(16), is amended by deleting subdivision (D) and substituting instead the following language:

(D) "Lobby" also means communications by an employee of, or a contractor, subcontractor or other representative who is not an employee of, a school board, municipal utility, utility district, or any department, agency or entity of state, county or municipal government. Such an employee, contractor, subcontractor or other representative shall comply with the lobbying registration and other provisions of this part pertaining to lobbyists; however, the registration and training fees for employees, but not for contractors, subcontractors or other representatives shall be waived; provided further; however, that the board, utility, utility district, department, agency or entity that employs the employee, contractor, subcontractor or other representative is not deemed to be an employer of a lobbyist for purposes of this part;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-301(16), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision thereto:

(G) "Lobby" does not mean communications by a local government official or employee, including a trial or inferior court judge, to a member of the general assembly whose district includes the local government or court the official, employee or judge is communicating on behalf of;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.